news-item captioned "Modvat credit facility spawns parallel scam" appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated the 31st August, 1994;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken in the matter by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, the referred news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 31-8-94 has been seen by the Government. It has been re ported that subsequent to extension of facility to the dealers to issue modvatable invoices, few cases of parallel invoicing have been detected by the Department. These are being dealt with in occ ordance with the provisions in the law. In the mean while, the Department has also is sued detailed instructions, which, inter-alia, build into the procedure, several safeguards against possible abuses.

RBI on inflation

1044. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news article captioned "Runaway inflation. RBT sounds a warning" appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated 13th October, 1994;

(b) if so, the salient facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is a write up of Prof. Madhu Dandvate quoting the Annual Re port of RBI for 1993-94 in which the possible impact of higher foreign exchange inflows on inflation has been highlighted.

(c) Government remains concerned about the renewal of the inflationary pressures and has undertaken a series of measures to dampen the inflationary uptrend. Some of these measures are listed below:

(i) Release of foodgrains from public stocks through open market sale by Food Corporation of India.

(ii) Placing import of sugar on OGL at zero duty.

(iii) Ensuring sugar availability for PDS by importing nearly 10 lakh tonnes at zero duty.

(iv) Allowing import of palmo-lein oil under OGL.

(v) Importing 1.07 lakh tonnes of palmolein oil for supply to consumers through PDS.

(vi) With effect from March 1995, allowing import of major edible oils under OGL at reduced duty of 30 per cent.

(vii) Allowing cotton import under OGL at zero duty.

(viii) Placing a cap on Central Government's borrowings from the RBI through the issue of ad hoc Treasury Bills and containing monetary growth through a series of measures including raising of CRR and sale of Government securities by the RBI.

Study carried ont by N.C.E.R.O. on smuggling

1045. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has entrusted the New Delhi based National Council of Economic Research Organisation to carry out study on

the smuggling on Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, whether the Organisation have completed the study; and

(c) if so, the main points mentioned in the study report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir. The World Bank has entrusted the New Delhi—based National Council of Applied Economic Research to carry out study on the Smuggling on Indo-Bangladesh border.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Revision of pay scales of LDCs/UDCs in Central Government

1046. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

la) the number of representations/ memorandum submitted by JCM/Government employees regarding the revision of pay scales of LDCs/UDCs/Class-IV employees working in the Central Government organisations;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details theerof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHARA MURTHY): (a) Mto (c) Several Representations/Memoranda for revising the pay scales of various categories including LDCs/UDCs etc."have been received by the Government. The proposal pertaining to UDCs has been discussed in the Departmental Council of DOP&T. It has, however, not been possible to agree to the proposal. The matter has been referred to the Board of Arbitration and is pending. It has also been decided that the case of LDCs should be referred to the Fifth Pay Commission for their consideration.

निजी क्षेत्र की कम्पनियों द्वारा अदा किया गया आयकर

1047. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकारी क्षेत्र की ऐसी कम्पनियों की संख्या कितनी है, जिन्होंने वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान निर्धारित आय कर का नियमित भुगतान किया है और निजी क्षेत्र की ऐसी कितनी कम्पनियां है, जो समय पर आय कर अदा करने में असफल रही है ;

(ख) इस संबंध में इस अवधि का कम्पनी-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि मैसर्स डिजाइन, मैसर्स इनड्यूर और मैसर्स एश हैंडलिंग, ईस्ट आफ कैलाश वास्तव में एक ही कम्पनी के विभिन्न नाम हैं और ऐसा आयकर बचाने के लिए किया गया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इन कम्पनियों द्वारा वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान कितना आय कर जमा किया गया और यदि कोई आय कर नहीं दिया गया है, तो इन कम्पनियों के मालिकों के खिलाफ क्या कार्रवाई की गई ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) :

(क) और (ख) ऐसी सूचना नहीं रखी जाती है। सम्पूर्ण देश में फैले फील्ड कार्यालयों से अपेक्षित सूचना के एकत्रिकरण और संकलन में काफी प्रयत्न और समय निहित है, जो प्राप्त किए जाने वाले लक्ष्य के अनुरूप नहीं होगा।

(ग) और (घ) कर-निर्धारितियों के पूरे ब्यौरों के अभाव में वस्तु-स्थिति का निर्धारण नहीं किया जा सकता।